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SUBJECT: SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN BY US COMMUNITY IN
IZMIR

REF: (A) ANKARA 2070, (B) STATE 72624, (C) ISTANBUL 863
1. CONGEN AS A RESULT OF REF A AND OTHER INFORMATION
HAS REVIEWED SECURITY SITUATION FOR ITS PERSONNEL.
AMERICAN PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO NEED FOR HEIGHTENED
INDIVIDUAL VIGILANCE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES
AND HAVE AGREED ON INDIVIDUALLY-DETERMINED RANDOM
ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT TO HOURS, ROUTES AND PATTERNS OF
ACTIVITY. OTHER PRECAUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO EACH INDI-

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VIDUAL ALSO BEING DISCUSSED.

2. SECURITY MEETING AT WHICH CONGEN REPRESENTATIVE
JOINED US MILITARY PERSONNEL (LSE, 6ATAF AND TUSLOG)
ALSO REVIEWED SECURITY SITUATION. MILITARY AGREED TO
A NUMBER OF MEASURES TO LOWER PROFILE AND INCREASE IN-
CONSPICUOUSNESS. MOREOVER, MILITARY HAS COORDINATED
WITH LOCAL POLICE WHO HAVE PROMISED ADDED PROTECTION.
US MILITARY WILL CONTINUE CLOSE REVIEW.
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3. DURING A SIMILAR PERIOD OF HEIGHTENED SECURITY
VIGILANCE LAST YEAR, AMERICAN COMMUNITY CONNECTED
NEITHER WITH CONGEN NOR US MILITARY EXPRESSED CONCERNED
THAT AS APPROPRIATE THEY RECEIVE INFORMATION. IN THIS
CONNECTION, WE NOTED THAT THERE ARE SOME ESTABLISHED
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN IZMIR CONNECTED WITH TOBACCO
INDUSTRY WHO COULD BECOME POTENTIAL TARGETS FOR ANARCHISTS

WITH ANTI-AMERICAN GOALS. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT THIS
POSSIBILITY IS NOT GREAT AND WHILE WE WISH TO AVOID
CAUSING ALARM OR MAKING ANY HINT THAT LOCAL SECURITY
FORCES ARE INADEQUATE, WE INTEND TO REMIND THE AMERICAN
COMMUNITY, USING A LOW-KEY APPROACH, THAT THIS IS A

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PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE PERIOD FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF
SECURITY AND THAT THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF TERRORIST
ACTIVITY MAKES HEIGHTENED VIGILANCE GOOD SENSE.

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